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PIERRE GARREAUX.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A communication from the Secretary of the Interior relative to the claim of Pierre Garreaux.

APRIL 5, 1882.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, of this date, with draft of bill for the relief of Pierre Garreaux, and correspondence in relation thereto.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
April 5, 1882.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, April 4, 1882.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith papers in duplicate, received from the Office of Indian Affairs, in the matter of the claim of Pierre Garreaux, formerly interpreter at Fort Berthold Agency, Dakota, growing out of a depredation committed by Sioux Indians of Grand River Agency, Dakota, in December, 1869.

A draft of a bill, setting aside the sum of \$500 from the Sioux funds, noted in the accompanying letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, will be found herewith.

The papers constituting the claim were transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives March 27, 1874, and will be found in the files of the House.

I respectfully request that the inclosures may be transmitted to Congress for such action as may be deemed advisable by that body.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. J. KIRKWOOD,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, March 20, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a letter from United States Indian Agent Jacob Kauffman, of Fort Berthold Agency, Dakota, relative to the depredation claim of Pierre Garreaux, a former interpreter at that agency, and asking that some action be taken by this office to relieve the claimant (who is poor) from his present need. The claim was filed in this office January 24, 1870, amounting to six hundred (\$600) dollars, on account of depredations committed by Sioux Indians in 1869, was reported to the department on the 21st of February, 1874, with a recommendation that it be allowed for five hundred (\$500) dollars, and was transmitted to Congress March 24, 1874. For convenience of reference, and because the facts in regard to the depredation are therein set forth, I inclose herewith a copy of the report of this office above referred to; and believing that the ends of justice would be thereby subserved, I inclose herewith the draft of a bill for the relief of said claimant, the amount to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury to the credit of the Sioux Indians under the Sioux treaty of April 29, 1868, of which there is \$140,000 now to their credit, and the Sioux agreement ratified by the act of Congress approved February 28, 1877, there being \$1,000,000 to the credit of that fund, and respectfully recommend that it be transmitted to Congress, asking for the passage of the bill.

Very respectfully,

H. PRICE,
Commissioner.

Hon. S. J. KIRKWOOD,
Secretary of the Interior.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE, FORT BERTHOLD AGENCY,
Dakota Territory, March 7, 1882.

SIR: I have the honor to state that, as represented to me, a band of Sioux Indians from Standing Rock Agency, about twelve years ago, attacked a small party of Fort Berthold Indians, a few miles from the village, killing two of them, and also two mules, the property of Pierre Garreaux. The old man represents that some government officer assured him that he would receive pay for his team. He has repeatedly informed me that his claim was before Congress and the money would soon be sent to him. As I find no record in my office of this matter, I would request that the honorable Commissioner inform me whether such claim has been adjudicated. Pierre Garreaux was former interpreter, but on account of deafness could no longer be efficient. I would further state that he has been of great service to the government. On frequent occasions, when his people manifested warlike demonstrations toward the whites, he boldly interposed, and threw himself, at the risk of his life, in the breach, always in behalf of the whites.

A truer friend to the government does not exist. He is now old, but still exerts a powerful influence for good over his people. But he is poor and wants a little money. If pay could be obtained for his team, or a little money in the form of a gift, or if a small pension could be awarded him, I would regard it an act of justice on the part of the government toward a faithful servant and a true and deserving man.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

JACOB KAUFFMAN,
U. S. Indian Agent.

Hon. HIRAM PRICE,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, February 21, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith a claim of Pierre Garreaux, for \$600, the estimated value of a span of mules alleged to have been killed in 1869 by a Yanktonais band of Sioux. Claimant is a half-breed, and at the time of the depredation was interpreter at the Fort Berthold Agency, and the owner of a valuable span of mules, which he alleges were in charge of two Gros Ventre Indians on the 10th day December, 1869, and being used by them for the purpose of gathering wood, when a band of the above-named Sioux Indians, under the lead of the chief "Hundred," from the Grand River Agency, suddenly made an attack and killed the two Indians and mules.

The evidence in the case fully confirms the statement of claimant, added to which

are several certificates showing his good character, as also reports of Governor Burbank and the agents of the Berthold and Grand River Agencies, recommending the payment of the claim.

The Indians in council deny all knowledge of the depredation, and refuse satisfaction.

As the evidence shows that the mules were a valuable span, and the above agents, who have examined all the facts connected with the claim, regard it as a meritorious one, I would respectfully recommend that claimant be allowed \$500.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDW. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

The honorable the SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

A BILL for the relief of Pierre Garreaux.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to Pierre Garreaux, former interpreter at Fort Berthold Agency, Dakota, five hundred dollars, out of any moneys in the Treasury to the credit of the Sioux Indians under the Sioux treaty of April 29, 1868, and the Sioux agreement ratified by act of Congress approved February 28, 1877, in satisfaction of the loss sustained by him on account of a depredation committed by Sioux Indians in 1869, said claim having been approved in that amount by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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